

- 1) charging said silica into a plasma polymerization reactor, followed by vacuuming to  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  torr;
- 2) introducing a monomer into said reactor via steel pipe; and
- 3) rotating said reactor from 1 to 50 rpm, with the conditions of having a plasma power of 10 to 40 W, a gas pressure of 40 to 50 mtorr, and a treatment time of 20 to 40 seconds;
- wherein said silica has an average diameter of 25-35  $\mu\text{m}$ ; and
- further wherein said monomer is selected from 1,3-diaminopropane, allylamine, pyrrole 1,2-epoxy-5-hexene, allylmercaptan, and allyl alcohol.

## REMARKS

### I. Status of the claims

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended for editorial purposes, in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. For instance, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that "EMC" stands for "epoxy molding compound." Further, both claims 1 and 2 have been amended to recite proper Markush language, and to ensure the proper antecedent basis of each term recited in the claims. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification as originally filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added, and no new issue has been raised by the amendments. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), Applicants have provided a marked-up version of the amended claims in the attached Appendix.

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